appropriate remedial action. As regards the ESI hospital at Sas-Nagar, Punjab, the State Government has reported that some of the equipments which were earlier out of order are under repair. However, sufficient medicines have already been supplied to ESI hospitals/ dispensaries in Punjab. Recently, an action Plan to strengthen health cover under the ESI Scheme has been formulated and forwarded to the State Governments including the Government of Punjab for implementation in consultation with the ESI Corporation. The Action Plan includes inter-alia provision of modern equipment system, establishment of regional trauma centres, establishment of super-speciality services, blood banks, preventive oncology, cancer treatment centres, development of indigenous system of medicines etc. An amount of Rs. 13.45 Crore has already been Sanctioned by the ESIC to various State Governments in this regard.

मजदूरी का भुगतान न किया जाना

1318. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को जानकारी है कि देश में बहुत से ऐसे सार्वजनिक उपक्रम हैं जिनमें कर्मचारियों को उनकी मजदूरी का भुगतान नहीं किया जा रहा है यद्यपि इस संबंध में वित्तीय एवं औद्योगिक पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड की सिफारिश प्राप्त हो गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार संबंधित मजदूरों को उनकी मजदूरी शीघ्र देने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाने जा रही है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

श्रम मंत्री (डा० सत्यनारायण जटिया): (क) और (ख) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के कुछ रुग्ण उपक्रमों (औद्योगिक वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड को संदर्भित किए गए सहित) द्वारा मजदूरी का भुगतान शेष है। केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रमों के प्रशासनिक प्रभार वाले कुछ मंत्रालयों से प्राप्त अनंतिम सूचनानुसार सितम्बर, 1998 को समाप्त तिमाही के अंत तक मजदूरी और वेतन के मद में कुल बकाया देया राशि लगभग 1 अरब रुपए थी।

(ग) और (घ) रुग्ण तथा स्वस्थ हो रहे सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उपक्रमों के कर्मचारियों को मुख्यतः वेतन और मजदूरी के भुगतान के लिए सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उद्यमों को गैर-योजना ऋण हेतु सरकार ने 1999-2000 के केन्द्रीय बजट में 1,735 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान किया है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Fixation of Minimum Wages

1319. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minster has sent a letter to all the State Governments to fix the lowest minimum wage at Rs. 10/- per day;

(b) if so, whether all the States have implemented the direction of Prime Minister;

(c) the names of the States where minimum wages are lower than the rates desired by Prime Minister; and

(d) whether all the minium wage rates notified for different industries in States are linked with Consumer Price Index; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information received from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, some of them are already paying Rs. 40/- per day as National Floor Level Minimum Wages and others have initiated action to revise floor level minimum wages. A statement showing minimum rates of wages in existence in States/Union Territory Administrations is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) 18 States have linked the minimum rates of wages with Consumer Price Index.

Statement

Minimum Rates of Wages for the Unskilled Workers in Different States/Union Territories Admn.

(Complied on 1.10.98)

S.No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Range of minimum rates of wages	Remarks
STATE			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 16.00 to* Rs. 42.40 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 35.60 to Rs. 37.60 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment and areas to areas.
3.	Assam	Rs. 32.80 to* Rs. 49.10 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment.
4.	Bihar	Rs. 38.61 to* Rs. 51.00 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment.
5.	Goa	Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 93.00 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment.
6.	Gujarat	Rs. 34.00 to* Rs. 77.80 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
7.	Haryana	Rs. 63.51 p.d. to* Rs. 66.51 p.d.	Single rate for all employment. Except agriculture.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 26.00 p.d. Rs. 45.75 p.d.	For Tea Plantation. For all other employments.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 30.00 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
10.	Karnataka	Rs. 26.00 to* Rs. 56.50 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
11.	Kerala	Rs. 19.50 to* Rs. 114.16 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment (according to zones)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 26.46 p.d.* Rs. 55.19 p.d.	Rates vary from employment to employment
13.	Maharashtra	Rs. 9.25 to* Rs. 85.95 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
14.	Manipur	Rs. 44.65 p.d.* (for plain) Rs. 49.50 p.d. (for Hill areas)	Double rates for all employments One. for hilly areas & the other for plain areas
15.	Meghalaya	Rs. 35.00 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
16.	Mizoram	Rs. 45.00. p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
17.	Nagaland	Rs. 25.00 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
18.	Orissa	Rs. 30.00 p.d.*	Single rate for all employment.
19.	Punjab	Rs. 58.07 to* Rs. 60.62 p.d.	Single rate for all employment, except agriculture.

S.No.	Name of State Govt./ U.T. Administration	Range of minimum rates of wages	Remarks
20.	Rajasthan	Rs. 44.00 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
21.	Sikkim	NIL	Minimum wages Act, 1948 is yet to be extended and enforced.
22.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 22.40 to* Rs. 79.00 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
23.	Tripura	Rs. 17.70 to* Rs. 36.00 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 42.02 to* Rs. 64.21 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 25.47 to* Rs. 72.00 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	Rs. 37.00 to Rs. 40.00 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
27.	Chandigarh	Rs. 58.06 p.d. to* Rs. 60.15 p.d.	Single rate for all employment Except Agriculture
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 35.00 to Rs. 40.00 p.d.	Rates very from employment to employment (according to zones)
29.	Daman & Diu	Rs. 40.00 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
30.	Delhi	Rs. 74.50 p.d.*	Single rate for all employment.
31.	Lakshdweep	Rs. 41.46 p.d.	Single rate for all employment.
32.	Pondicherry	Rs. 19.25 to Rs. 40.20 p.d.	Rates for agricultural workers.

Note: 1. *Indicates the provision of Variable Dearness Allowance alongwith minimum rates of wages.

Non-Payment of Employees Provident Fund

1320. SHRIMATI JAYA PRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the industrial establishments and other firms are facing criminal charges for non-payment of employees' contribution to the provident fund in the country;

(b) if so, the details of those firms and establishments with amount of PF not being deposited; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to available information 1991 establishment failed to deposit in the Fund an amount of Rs. 73.32 crore which they had deducted from the pay of the employees. Necessary action as required under Section 406/409 of the IPC has been initiated against the defaulting establishments by filling FIRs with the police authorities.